

USACE FINANCE CENTER
Biweekly REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 13 November 1998

CEFMS:

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. We have initiated work on the first phase of the CEFMS Modernization/GUI effort. The first step of the work on the CEFMS code is updating our database triggers from SQL Forms version 2.3 to version 3.0. We have converted the Problem Reporting System and Glossary to GUI and have initiated in-house testing of the product. The next step in the testing process will be to release the updated code for the Problem Reporting system to a couple of field sites for their evaluation. We expect to complete the test and release this application for USACE wide use in early January. The problem reporting system is used by 4-8 folks at each location. The information/evaluation we receive back from fielding that application will be factored back into our process as we continue modernization on the CEFMS source code. The level of acceptance/ease of use should also give us an insight to the amount/degree of training required before fielding the GUI version of CEFMS.

b. USAAA has initiated the effort on Y2K by reviewing the MOU's that we have in place with the other systems. They are also providing assistance with the CEFMS data subject to the Privacy Act.

c. We completed the testing and released the CEFMS code that supports the transfer of ENG Form 93 (contract pay estimate) data from the Resident Management System (RMS) to CEFMS. This code eliminates the requirement for duplicate entry of the contract pay estimates into two systems. The data is captured from the single entry in RMS.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 1,211 compared to 1,171 on the last report. The inventory includes 152 Priority #1 problem reports.

b. Thirty-six (36) of the sixty-three databases have no imbalances, seven (7) have one (1), six (6) have two, six (6) have three, another six (6) sites have nine or less. Only two (2) sites have more than ten.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

a. We are scheduling our team to visit the first sites to be consolidated in fiscal year 99, South Pacific Division Headquarters, San Francisco and Sacramento Districts. Our team reviews the documentation supporting certain suspense accounts that will be transferred to the UFC.

b. We are still working the dates for our meeting with the next locations in the schedule, North Atlantic Division/Districts, to set the date for reviewing/negotiating the MOA.

c. HECSA/UFC personnel participated in a Video Conference on Tuesday 10 November to discuss the MOU/Appendix A. We are modifying the appendix and will forward to them for review.

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	25
Millington	240
Washington	2
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	5
Total	273

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 10/30/98	Current Month	Year to Date
BY CHECK:			
Checks Issued	18,274	11,706	29,980
Dollar amount	\$250,509,022	\$197,190,808	\$447,699,830
BY EFT:			
Transfers Made	4,059	3,045	7,104
Dollar Amount	\$136,176,903	\$100,405,247	\$236,582,150

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. We received an electronic copy of the System Decision Memorandum (SDM) for the Corps of Engineers Enterprise Management Information System (CEEMIS). We will be updating the CEEMIS record in the Information Technology Investment Portfolio System (ITIPS).

This action completes a major milestone in our commitment to bring this system under LCMIS control. The approval represents the joint effort of many folks that worked very hard to make this happen.

b. The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Report on Budget Execution (SF133) is now available from CEEMIS. We issued instructions on 12 November to the field and to Headquarters users on how to access/obtain the report for their use. This is another example of making automation work for us, obtaining a return on the investment.

c. One week into our Combined Federal Campaign for 1998 we have attained eighty seven (87) percent of our dollar goal (\$11,657 of \$13,400). We are continuing to work to increase the employee participation rate.

d. Hydro-power experts from the Field Reporting Branch supported by the functional expert from the CEFMS Team hosted a training session/workshop for selected Nashville and Wilmington District accountants on FY 98 Multipurpose Hydro-power Financial Statement preparation during the week of 2-6 November. The district personnel not only participated in the training/workshop but had the opportunity to observe and interact with other UFC personnel during the week. This training has the potential to yield a very high return on the investment since multipurpose hydro-power accounting is one of the most complex, detailed areas of our business.